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Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2008 @ 6:30 PM

Board Members Present: Helene Hartman, Margaret Mack, Cynthia O'Neal Riley, Barbara Stronczer, and Greg Faulkner

Board Members Absent: Nora Feury

Guests: See sign-in sheet.

The meeting opened with a review of the mail received by the committee. A thank you letter from the Friends of Williamsbridge Oval and an article on the controversy regarding the use of artificial turf were reviewed.

Use of Ball fields: Arnyce Foster, the Park Manager, was not able to comment on spring plans for the use of ball fields at Harris Field or Shandler Park. She suggested calling Noelba Pesante, the Ball Field Coordinator, to obtain this information. (tel# 718-430-1848)

Illegal Barbecuing on Mosholu Parkway: Sixty signs are ready to be posted along Mosholu Parkway from Webster Avenue to Jerome Avenue.

Arnyce Foster agreed to meet with the Auxiliary Police from the 52nd Precinct to work out a strategy to distribute pamphlets advising citizens where they could legally barbecue in the Bronx. Ms. Foster suggested inviting the PEP Squad to attend this meeting. Greg Faulkner suggested an article to be printed in the "Norwood News" concerning this problem.

Farmer's Market: Maritza Owens contacted the Board office regarding a proposal to place a farmer's market on the North West corner of Mosholu Parkway and Jerome Ave.

Arnyce Foster reported that the Parks Dept does not permit stalls or stands on the lawn of parks. It was suggested that the market be located in the sitting area on the east side of Jerome Ave. or along Resse St. opposite the BP gas station.



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Playground for the Bronx New School: Adam Dubin, an aide to Council Member Koppell spoke with the principal of the New School. He gave him a contact at the Dept. of Education. It will be the responsibility of the principal to address this issue with the Dept. of Education.

Garbage Receptacles for Spring/Summer 2008: The committee suggested that new stationary pails be used in some of the parks where theft of receptacles has been a problem. Ms. Foster announced that no funds are available for this type of garbage receptacles. She plans to distribute 60 pails on Mosholu Parkway, 35 at Williamsbridge Oval, and 25 at St. James Park.

Bronx Greenway: The report from the Bronx Greenway Task Force was discussed. The areas which impact on our board are:

1. The Harlem-Hudson Waterfront
2. The Putnam Rail Lines
3. The Aqueduct University Area
4. The Grand Concourse
5. The Bronx River

The report lists what has been developed and plans for future development. Plans are listed by categories. Class I is considered an off street bicycle lane or shared path. Class II is an on street painted bicycle lane. Class III is an on street signed bike route. (no lane)

Motion #1: The committee recommends that the draft of "The Bronx Greenway Report" be approved.

Follow-up on Bronx Parks Speak-out: Helene Hartman discussed the workshop on artificial turf. Studies are being conducted on the health risks of this type of turf but to date there have been no definitive conclusions.

Suggestions regarding the use of run-off from these areas for the watering of surrounding trees were made by environmental groups attending the conference.

Williamsbridge Oval: The repair of the opening at the gate of the dog run was discussed. Ms. Foster reported that Parks workers spent several days working at the site.

She will report back as to why the gate could not be adjusted. The need for top soil on the surface of the dog run was also discussed. Ms Foster reported that additional soil is not available. A request to



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move the Holt Place entrance to a crosswalk would be expensive and require the cooperation of the Dept. of Transportation.

90th Anniversary Celebration of the End to World War I: In honor of this anniversary, it was suggested that a spotlight be installed to illuminate both the monument and the flag at this site.

Green street in Front of Tracey Towers: The need for the pruning of this area was brought to the attention of Ms. Foster. The height of the plantings currently obstructs the view of those driving through this area.

Respectfully submitted
Barbara Stronczer